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## A joyous Noel

WHY is Noel Edmonds at Ally Pally with one of those famous red boxes from his popular TV game show Deal or No Deal?

All will be revealed if you tune into Channel 4 tomorrow (Thursday) for a special edition of the iconic box-based challenge, which was filmed before a live audience at Alexandra Palace, in Wood Green, last month.

Deal or No Deal is on a UK tour after TV executives axed it earlier this year after a decade and almost 3,000 shows.

Haringey's historic so-called people's palace – the birthplace of British broadcasting – is one of several famous landmarks it is visiting.

They also include the top of Blackpool Tower, on

board The Flying Scotsman, underground in Wookey Hole Caves, in Somerset, and on a flight 37,000 feet in the skies over Britain.

The show follows the familiar format with 22 red boxes, the infamous Banker, contestants playing for £250,000 in prize money and, of course, presenter Noel Edmonds.

"These shows are some of the most ambitious ever attempted on television – the sky has quite literally been the limit for this incredibly special series," he said.

"It has been an absolute joy and honour to meet Deal's loyal fans while out on the road at this hugely exciting time and I can't wait for our loyal audience to see them on screen."

Exciting: Deal or No Deal host Noel Edmonds at Alexandra Palace



## School honours its hardworking pupils

PRIZE pupils have scooped a string of awards for their hard work.

Determination and drive got their reward as St Thomas More School, in Wood Green, held its tenth prizegiving ceremony.

Certificates and vouchers were awarded to pupils who have excelled in their studies.

Special awards were given for community service to sixth-formers Emmanuella Thomas, Lucasz Anulewicz, Matthew Allen and Hannah Tolera.

Two year 10 girls won £50 bursaries – Mya Jarrett for her role as Scar in the school's performance of The Lion King and Ylenia Rodriguez Marchitto for her service to the air cadets.

Outstanding A-level results were recognised with a £100 bursary for Michelange Nkumu, who is now at Nottingham University, while Mary Habtes was awarded a cup for the best year 11 examination performance in 2016.

The school also recognised creative success with year 9 student Marilyn Gomes presented with the music award.

## C02 emissions cut

THE borough is doing its bit to save the planet and combat global warming by slashing greenhouse gas emissions.

Carbon dioxide emissions have been cut by more than a third over the past 10 years, according to Haringey Council's annual emissions report.

More energy-efficient homes as well as grants to make businesses more eco-friendly have helped reduce the borough's carbon footprint, putting it on track to be a zero carbon borough by 2050.

"The reduction is thanks to innovative projects like Smart Homes and Smart Business," said Joe Goldberg, the council's cabinet member for economic development, social inclusion and sustainability.

# STRING OF RAIDS NET ILLEGAL CIGS

By Russ Lawrence

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A MASSIVE haul of illegal tobacco and cigarettes as well as counterfeit DVDs has been seized in series of surprise raids on shops in Haringey.

The swoops were carried out last Tuesday by customs and trading standards officers.

They were aimed at cracking down on the criminal racket and catching traders who try to dodge

paying the tax duty on tobacco to Customs and Excise. It was part of a joint operation with a total of 43 retailers being visited in both Haringey and neighbouring Enfield.

Seven shops were found to be selling illicit packs of fake cigarettes as well hand-rolling tobacco.

It included 11,780 cigarettes, 14.35 kilos of hand-rolling tobacco and 4.8 kilos of shisha tobacco and it is estimated that a combined £6,984 in tax duty would have been evaded by their sale.

Officers also recovered a total of 800 DVDs.

"The sale of illegal tobacco will not be tolerated by us or our partner agencies," said David Margree, assistant director of HMRC's fraud investigation service.

"Disrupting criminal trade is at the heart of our strategy to clamp down on the illicit tobacco market, which costs the UK about £2.4 billion a year. "This is theft from the taxpayer and undermines legitimate traders.

"We encourage anyone with information about the illegal sale of tobacco to contact the 24-hour hotline on 0800 59 5000," he added.



'Theft from the taxpayer': Counterfeit cigarettes were seized in the raids

Peray Ahmet, Haringey Council's cabinet member for environment, said it would prosecute anyone found to be breaking the rules.

"This operation will send a clear message to traders across the borough that we will not tolerate tax evasion or the sale of illegal cigarettes," he said.

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# Relief for residents as land auction is shelved

By Priya Kingsley-Adam

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RESIDENTS have won another victory in blocking Enfield Council from selling a treasured area of green space.

They are fighting a decision to auction off a plot of land at the junction of Albany Road and St Stephens Road, in Enfield Lock, as they fear it will be turned into housing.

The land, just under quarter of an acre, was set for auction today (Wednesday) – but after Enfield Lock ward councillor Nneka Keazor asked for a postponement for further consultation with residents, this has been shelved so that “background issues” can be considered.

The auction came to light after a sign was put up on the plot.

Residents successfully petitioned against the council’s plans in 2004 when were told by ward councillors the land was registered and could not be sold.

Residents’ association chairman Chris Theodorou, who has lived in Albany Road for 21 years, feels “betrayed” by the council and is concerned that more housing will make the area an even bigger hotspot for road accidents.

“It’s a safety issue for a start,” he explained. “There have been accidents at the junction and a few near misses.”

Parking is also a concern. “It’s hard to find spaces in the road as they’re taken up by shop owners and businesses,” added Mr Theodorou.



Postponed: The sale of this plot of land in Enfield Lock

Valerie Collins, 77, who lives in Albany Road, said: “I’m worried about overcrowding if flats are built here,” while fellow resident Dilip Singh, 34, who has three children, said: “After shopping with the kids I often have to drop them off at the house first and then park because I can never find a space.”

The plot of land also serves as the nearest outdoor playing area for children in the summer.

“Children have always played on it,” said Edward Collins, 79, who also lives in Albany Road. “My children used to play on it and now my grandchildren do. We can watch them while standing across the road.”

A council spokeswoman said: “Following discussion with residents we have

decided to withdraw the property from the December auction to enable further consideration of the background issues and to look at this matter in more detail.”

Enfield North MP Ryan, whose support was enlisted back in 2004, said: “I urged the then council to give significant weight to the concerns of residents, to the impact on traffic levels of any proposals and to the value of open space in densely populated residential streets.”

“The case remains the same today and I have already had a meeting with the chief executive and leader of the council to discuss this issue. The proposed auction of the land has been withdrawn, but this may not be permanent. I think it is very important that residents are kept fully informed and are consulted on this matter.”

## Five given Lotto loot

LOTTERY winners are celebrating after scooping nearly £50,000.

Five organisations in Enfield have won cash from the Big Lottery Fund to help projects in the community. They are:

- Cuckoo Hall Academies Trust – £10,000 to provide outdoor climbing play equipment and activities for children at the primary school in Cuckoo Hall Lane, Edmonton, and increase safety.

- Bangladesh Welfare Association of Enfield, in Ponders End – £8,000 to provide educational support sessions for young people from the black and minority ethnic community who are educationally disadvantaged.

- Northside Youths and Community Connections, in Edmonton Green – £9,950 to recruit and train young people as volunteers, enabling them to develop skills and offer guidance and mentoring to young people.

- The Middle Eastern Women’s and Society Organisation, in Edmonton – £10,000 to run support sessions for women who are the victims of domestic violence and similar traumas, which will also improve their chances of finding employment.

- Galliard Primary School, in Edmonton – £9,945 to create a new play area that will support children with disabilities, autism and additional needs, improving their development and well-being.

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# Walker gets a kick out of special school visit

By Adrian Colley

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SPURS star Kyle Walker played an unfamiliar style of football with children on a surprise visit.

The England player had to get down on his knees for a game at Waverley School in The Ride, Ponders End.

Wiktor Borkowski (year 6), Eli Artemis-Bloic (year 6) and Gulirem Palas (year 1), invited their football hero to play in a match of their own – on the mats in the school hall.

The three pupils are supported by Noah's Ark Children's Hospice and Walker made the visit as part of Tottenham Hotspur's partnership with the hospice to promote the charity's Precious Moments appeal.

He said: "It's a massive reality check, having two boys myself. I've just come down to show my appreciation for what they do. I'm grateful for the support they give these kids. Being footballers you can live in a bubble.

"I've got an aunty who has Down syndrome, so I see both sides of it. It's nice to come down here and give a little bit back.

"I've never played football this way before, but I'm going to try and take it back home and maybe get my little boy to play this instead of kicking the ball around the hallway and breaking loads of ornaments.

"I try and think I'm a normal person, but to some people I am different and hopefully by coming here, signing a few things and



Smiles better: Kyle Walker with staff and pupils at Waverley School (photo courtesy of Tottenham Hotspur FC/Tottenham Hotspur FC via Getty Images)

saying hello I can put a smile on faces."

Alison Goodman, of Noah's Ark, joined Walker in the game of football with Wiktor, Eli and Gulirem.

Afterwards she said: "It's made the day for so many children and families here. Noah's Ark is all about making every precious moment count – and focusing always on what's possible. This is how Wiktor, Eli and Gulirem play football – and it's won-

derful that Kyle got down on the mats to join them. We are extremely grateful on behalf of the children for whom Kyle is a hero and also for the boost his support gives our annual appeal."

Spurs' home match this Sunday against Burnley is dedicated to supporting the Precious Moments appeal. Readers who would like to help should visit [www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk](http://www.noahsarkhospice.org.uk) and click Donate.



Puzzle time: Mayor of Enfield Bernadette Lappage and councillor Alev Cazimoglu help Margaret Alexandra with a jigsaw at The Rose Taylor Centre

## The perfect fit

THE mayor of Enfield spread some festive cheer at four of the borough's day care centres.

Bernadette Lappage and fellow Enfield councillor Alev Cazimoglu visited the centres, which provide activities for elderly people and those with dementia and learning disabilities last Thursday.

They spoke to members about their days at the centres, where they can make new friends in a safe environment and which provide a change in scenery.

Mrs Lappage, whose mother had been a regular attendee, thanked staff for their dedication and described them as "unsung heroes".

"My mother loved coming here on days out," said Mrs Lappage at The Rose Taylor Centre, in The Sunny Road, Ponders End.

"They give up a lot of their time and many people don't realise the hard work they put in."

Mrs Cazimoglu, cabinet member for health and

social care, added: "It's the staff's personalities shining through that makes it so welcoming for people to visit."

Mrs Lappage, whose charity Enfield Sounds Great aims to engage residents from across the borough in music, said she was pleased that members appreciated it.

"They told me how it helps them to communicate and to open up more, and to see music become transformational in that way for people is just magical," she added.

Eileen Lewington, 90, who visits the centre every Thursday to take part in arts activities including painting, said: "It's nice to meet people and I've made lots of friends since coming here for a year."

Mrs Lappage and Mrs Cazimoglu also visited the Formont Centre, in Waverley Road, Enfield, New Options Centre, in Connop Road, Enfield Lock, and Bridge House in Forty Hill, Enfield.

## Uniform approach offers food for thought



A helping hand: Alexander Archer, from 1159 Edmonton Air Training Corps, and Sean Lowbridge, crew manager at Southgate fire station) with foodbank manager Kerry Cor

FAMILIES living on the breadline over the festive holidays were given a helping hand from firefighters and Air Cadets, who joined forces at the weekend to hand out Christmas hampers and food parcels.

Southgate firefighters and Edmonton Air Cadets helped North Enfield Foodbank, in Lumina Way, to distribute much-needed supplies to residents on Saturday.

A crew from Enfield fire station, in Carterhatch Lane, had visited foodbank volunteers and handed out leaflets to shoppers in High Street, Ponders End, asking for food donations.

Residents in crisis are referred to the foodbank by Enfield Council and care professionals, who provide them with vouchers in return for three days' worth of emergency supplies to be exchanged within six months.

North Enfield Foodbank opened in 2012 to help support Enfield residents and is supported by The Trussell Trust.

Anyone who can volunteer is asked to contact Kerry Coe, North Enfield Foodbank manager, on 07826 542 119 or email [info@northyenfield.foodbank.org.uk](mailto:info@northyenfield.foodbank.org.uk)

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# Having a wonderful Christmas time...

ONE of Chingford's busiest playgroups is hosting not one, but two Christmas parties this year.

Cheeky Monkeys, which is run entirely by volunteers from South Chingford Church, held the first party on Friday, December 16, and the second on Tuesday, December 20.

And among the youngsters getting prepared for Christmas were three-year-old Mia Kelly, pictured left, and Isabelle Benson-Wilson, two, right, along with Charlie Thorne, two, below.

Shelly Kelly, who is in charge of the group, which runs each Tuesday and Friday, said: "The group is very popular. We have a lot to offer the children here. They can come along and enjoy fun with puzzles, paint, soft play, fresh fruit and song time.

"It's a great place for parents to make new friends, too, as there is a tea and coffee area for everyone. You don't have to book, just turn up. It is suitable for children up to the age of five."

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# Be wary of puppy farms, says RSPCA

By Suzi Muston

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VOLUNTEERS from an animal charity are warning families to beware of buying from puppy farms.

Trish Smith, who runs Chingford RSPCA, says that more than 30,000 puppies are imported into the UK every month from Ireland and Europe and buyers should demand to see the puppies with their mum.

She told the *Chingford Times*: "Some breeders go as far as to get another dog and pretend it is the mother.

"The mum's teats should be enlarged. If not, you may well possibly end up with a pup from a puppy farm and they are very poorly.

"After buying the pup, they will

deteriorate very rapidly, literally within a few weeks, sometimes, just a few days."

Trish urged anyone who wanted a dog to visit an animal charity.

She added: "With the RSPCA, the dogs are vaccinated, although they are not cute puppies, you know they are not from a puppy farm because those pups don't live for very long.

"The whole country is flooded with these poorly cute little pups, it's very sad.

"Always investigate the breeder, as well as asking to see mum, investigate whether they belong to the Kennel Club.

"Always try an animal charity as buyers have the full back-up of the charity behind them."



Sad: More than 30,000 pups are imported into the UK each month

## ...and make sure Christmas present is for life

PEOPLE are also being urged not to buy an animal "just for Christmas".

The RSPCA is advising families to make sure a dog is wanted for life before they buy.

The charity says it sees a spike in calls from

people who no longer want a dog after Christmas.

Trish Smith, from Chingford RSPCA, said: "After Christmas, we get a lot of calls from people who have changed their mind. Sometimes a puppy is an impulse buy, which is not fair on the animal.

"Our aim is to rescue, rehabilitate and re-home them, finding them the loving homes they deserve.

"Here, our ultimate Christmas wish would be to see rows of empty kennels as all dogs will have found their special forever homes."



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# Tragic mum urges support for hospice's festive appeal

By Suzi Muston

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A MOTHER who lost her first baby to a rare neurological disorder and faces the prospect of the same happening with her second child is urging Chingford families to help a hospice.

Keeley Johnson is raising awareness of her story as part of this year's Christmas appeal for Haven House Children's Hospice.

She wants families from Chingford and surrounding areas to dig deep and make donations to Haven House during the festive period in order to support other life-limited children and their families throughout north-east London and west Essex.

After coming across the heartbreaking story, TV star Sam Faiers urged her fans to make donations during a visit to Haven House as part of Giving Tuesday.

Keeley's son, Logan, was born on December 1, 2015 with Leigh syndrome – a severe neurological disorder which causes rapid muscle weakness that affects mobility, feeding and breathing.

Keeley lost her first baby, Evelyn, to the condition in 2014 when she was seven months old. Haven House cared for Evelyn during her short life, providing Keeley with time for precious memories.

Keeley was still grieving the death of her first child when she found out she was four-and-a-half months pregnant with Logan.

Keeley was terrified that Logan would also have Leigh syndrome. He appeared healthy at first and Keeley thought she could enjoy being a mum again.

However, at five months Logan stopped drinking and feeding and began to cry a lot. She was told he had reflux, but Keeley knew in her heart that he, too, had Leigh syndrome.

Not long after her worst fears were confirmed.

Haven House is now supporting Keeley and Logan through another difficult journey. Logan has lost his smile, makes no sounds and is not able to sit up.

Keeley said: "I lost my precious Evelyn at seven months old, so this Christmas is special to me as I am fully aware that it could be Logan's last."

"It's so comforting to know that Haven House will be there for Logan when the time comes, just like they were for Evelyn."

Over the last few months Logan has developed



epilepsy and has about ten seizures a day, the majority of at night which means Keeley is not getting much sleep.

Keeley added: "Much of my time is spent alone with Logan. It is hard to get out as I don't have a car and have to take so much equipment with me."

"When we do go out, it's mostly to hospital to have endless tests or meetings with various consultants."

"The one trip we do look forward to every week though is to have music therapy at Haven House. Logan gets so excited, he reaches out and listens and I see expressions on his face that I have not seen before. I like to think he is trying his best to smile at his mummy."

"I know that when the time comes to say goodbye to Logan, Haven House will be there to support us for as long as we need it. You cannot overestimate how much that means to me."

**Appeal: Keeley Johnson with Logan, who suffers from Leigh syndrome – the severe disorder which claimed the life of Keeley's seven-month-old daughter Evelyn**



Deer-lighted: No longer hunted

## End of the roe for deer hunters

DEER hunting in Epping Forest is coming to an end.

At the moment, there are areas where hunting is permitted and the City of London Corporation, which looks after the forest, currently has a contract with a local club for hunting deer.

But the corporation has said the contract will no longer be applicable after January 6, 2017.

A spokesman for the City of London said: "We have terminated the contract with Capreolus Club for the management of the deer population on the Epping Forest buffer lands."

"We have listened to the views of our visitors and have taken this decision to reflect public concern."

"The Epping Forest committee will now investigate options and decide on an alternative way forward for sustainable deer population control on the Epping Forest buffer lands."

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## Youngsters make it all add up



**Bright sparks: Triumphant youngsters at Explore Learning's tuition centre in Chingford**

CHILDREN from St Peter's Church of England Primary School have been named some of the best performing maths minds in the UK.

Pupils Kirsten Smith, Tilly Sharp, Dominic Romano-Critchley and George Robertson have earned a place in the prestigious National Young Mathematicians' Awards final.

Hundreds of children have taken part in the nationwide competition and the final is at Cambridge University on Wednesday, December 14.

The five highest scoring teams including St Peter's made it through two rounds of challenges to get where they are, and they will get the

chance to meet TV presenter, author and broadcaster Stefan Gates, who is Explore Learning's National Young Mathematicians' Awards Ambassador for 2016.

Charlotte Gater, head of curriculum at Explore Learning, a company which provides private learning centres across the UK, said: "The competition has seen a great level of talent this year. The St Peter's team should be extremely proud of themselves."

"We saw some brilliant displays of teamwork and mathematical prowess up and down the country. Only the very best have made it to the final."

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## NEWS



History lesson: A cast of volunteers is bringing Forty Hall's history to life this Christmas



# Candlelit tours bring past to life

By Adrian Colley

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TIME travel is not just for Dr Who – volunteers are offering candlelit tours of an Enfield landmark.

A talented volunteer cast of residents is conducting the tours at Forty Hall, in Forty Hill, Enfield.

Set in the 1940s, the tours re-create a wartime Christmas backdrop, packed full of history and drama.

Visitors can expect to meet a surprise guest or two on an atmospheric tour of the house, which was built in 1632.

And in true Christmas carol-style the performers travel back to the Victorian era and then forwards in time to the 2011 restoration of the hall.

The tours are directed by Enfield Council's head of leisure and culture Paul Everitt and the volunteers perform a script written by Marc Day,

writer of the annual pantomime at Millfield Theatre, in Edmonton.

Resident Jane Newcombe, who is performing in this year's tour, said: "Forty Hall is very special place to me. I have volunteered at the hall since 2012. Taking part is such a privilege".

Mr Everitt said: "I am so impressed by this group of volunteers who are imagining a bygone era and bringing it back to life.

"They've done their research, they've hunted for costumes in charity shops and customised them. They've rehearsed for weeks to get it just right and they're ready to bring history alive for the residents of Enfield to help them better understand their past".

Three evenings of tours have already been staged and there are more this week. They will be at 6.30pm, 7.15pm and 8pm tomorrow and on Friday and start at 5pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets cost £12 and include a glass of mulled wine.

## Crooks are caught on candid camera

**CROOKS** arrested for possession of drugs and weapons were spotted with the help of CCTV operators in Edmonton.

Edmonton police were alerted to three men in two separate incidents in the same evening after they were caught on camera acting suspiciously last month.

Operators spotted a large group of men huddled in the street in Sterling Way at 6pm and saw one of the men throw an item into the bushes.

The item was found to be a

knife and police arrested a man in Pymmes Park.

Another incident was spotted by CCTV operators just 20 minutes later when two men were seen acting suspiciously near a betting shop in Colyton Way.

One of the men was seen putting a bag under his coat, which he had picked up from an alleyway. He then walked into a betting show with the other man.

Police were alerted to the men whom they searched and arrested for possession of cannabis.

"Our message is simple," said Krystle Fonyonga, Enfield Council's cabinet member for community safety and public health.

"If you are stupid enough to commit crime in our borough you will be seen and arrested.

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## Columnist



Reuben  
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Enfield Youth Parliament

**M**Y name is Reuben and I am the proud chairman of Enfield Youth Parliament.

I was one of 30 young people, aged between 11 and 19 (up to 25 for those with disabilities) elected by 8,000 young people in Enfield to represent the schools in the borough, but most importantly the young people who attend them.

Why am I proud? I am proud because I feel that we truly represent young people. We are unlike any government, that finds it difficult to represent their needs. We give a voice to those of us in Enfield who aren't able to vote (anyone under 18).

We make up for not being able to vote, in ways that have surprised me. We represent everyone in the borough within our age group, which includes 22,000 11 to 18-year-olds in schools and colleges. This is what gives EYP the drive, purpose and ability to achieve.

With these huge numbers behind us, we help organisations such as Enfield Council, the police and the NHS understand what it's like to be a young person in our borough.

With our youth appeal, and links into schools, the EYP has been able to get Enfield heard at a national level by making sure 5,000 of our borough's votes were counted towards the UK Youth Parliament's Make Your Mark campaign.

We also have our own projects, including developing a YouTube channel to share videos with young people. We intend to leave these projects as a legacy for all future Enfield youth parliamentarians.

This is why we are proud – proud of the influence we have, of our actions, but most of all the 22,000 young people we represent.

## A shout out to all Cubs – and the volunteers

THIS year marks Cubs100, the centenary of the Cub Scout movement, and I'm lucky and proud to be ambassador for their monumental birthday party.

It's been an incredible year so far with trips, fun days and camp-outs, but the best is yet to come with Cubs100 birthday parties taking place across the country this week.

For 100 years, Cub Scouts have been

helping in their communities and this year is no different. Through our A Million Hands project, Cubs in Enfield have been helping to make their community a better place to live and work.

I would also like to shout out to the volunteers in Enfield for their dedication each week to giving Cubs the chance to experience big adventures and take part in activities that could be

life-changing. Volunteers – we salute you.

During this special week, I would just like to say a big happy birthday to Cubs past and present as we look forward to another 100 years of endeavour; learning new skills, having fun and making lifelong friends.

**Steve Backshall**  
Cubs100 Ambassador

## Statements like this don't help, Mr Taylor

I AM writing to say how shocked and horrified I was to read an article produced to support the council's budget consultation, entitled Money Matters, and circulated to every property in Enfield along with the council's Our Enfield newspaper.

In this article council leader Doug Taylor explains significant financial issues facing the council.

This extract states that ".....the cost of care provided to a child who has severe learning disabilities. A child unable to care for himself may require constant supervision from trained staff at a cost of up to £229,000 a year to the public purse. That is equivalent to the entire council tax paid by 161 average households in our borough in 2016/17".

My adult son has very severe learning disabilities and attended Enfield's first-rate special school for the most profoundly disabled children – Waverley School. I chaired the governing body and the finance committee for many years.

Although I am not privy to the seemingly excessive costs quoted by Mr Taylor, I believe I am qualified to reassure Enfield residents that the vast majority of learning disabled children live with their families, who make huge sacrifices to provide the required care for their beloved children – at

minimal cost to the council tax payer.

Vulnerable people already face cruel cuts to services, and will continue to do so. The additional burden of exclusion, marginalisation, discrimination, bullying and even hate crime is increasing.

This misleading and inaccurate statement extracted from Money Matters only serves to exacerbate this situation.

I am extremely disappointed that Mr Taylor felt this was an appropriate way of making a point about the costs of supporting vulnerable people.

He has effectively demonised an entire

group by referencing an exaggerated and unusual set of circumstances, which most residents would not understand.

Children with learning disabilities are unable able to defend themselves, although I can absolutely assure you that their families will continue to fight for their children's right to a decent life.

**Wendy Berry,**  
vice-chairwoman CAPE  
(Carers and parents of adults with learning disabilities in Enfield)  
Seaford Road,  
New Southgate

## Glad the chancellor agrees

I WAS pleased to see in your paper that the Chancellor agrees with the Liberal Democrats that fees for renters should be banned.

Lib Dem peer Baroness Olly Grender has introduced the renters' bill to parliament, supported by Generation Rent and the Debrief's Make Renting Fair campaign.

The Lib Dem bill proposed banning letting fees for renters; giving renters access to an open register of rogue landlords; bringing in compulsory electrical safety checks in rented homes; and preventing rogue landlords from obtaining licences for homes that

have been split into rooms or bedsits.

I firmly believe the Lib Dem renters' bill will make a big difference to the lives of the many renters in this borough. I am delighted that all of Haringey's councillors have supported the bill and voted for the Lib Dem motion at the last council meeting.

The Lib Dem renters' bill will help to tackle rogue landlords and protect young renters while ensuring responsible landlords are not penalised.

The Lib Dem bill will also tackle a major problem for many people, particularly the young and those on low incomes – letting agent fees. These fees can be hundreds of pounds and a major burden to many people. Banning the fees will help a great deal.

I hope the bill will pass through parliament and will have the support of our two local Labour MPs.

**Councillor Gail Engert**  
Haringey Liberal Democrat  
Leader of the Opposition

## Don't bus stops come in pairs?

IN respect of the installation of cycle lanes in Ridge Avenue, we have suffered weeks of inconvenience, noise, obstruction, difficulties getting in and out of our own driveways on occasion and constant traffic jams.

Having ruined a perfectly good bus service, the 329, Transport for London has now hit on a way to make the buses move faster. It is quite simple really – just close alternate bus stops.

Too bad if you deliberately bought very near a bus stop because you are old and infirm. You now just have to lug your essential shopping home from one further away.

In fairness, I must add that they have installed a temporary bus stop near me, but it is on the other side of the road and there is not one on my side. Shouldn't somebody tell them that bus stops usually come in pairs, like shoes and socks?

The whole exercise has been so inconvenient that I think residents ought to be given a discount on our council tax.

**Mrs S Etheridge**  
Ridge Avenue,  
Winchmore Hill

## How exactly do cyclists benefit?

HOW absurd that with all the planning and consultations we have endured regarding the Cycle Enfield scheme, we have ended up with the direct opposite of what was planned in Church Street in Enfield Town.

Instead of diverting polluting and dangerous traffic from this popular shopping street, away into Cecil Road, Enfield Council is in fact diverting into Cecil Road the one healthy vehicle that does not pollute or kill others – the bicycle. This is the very vehicle that the whole scheme is supposed to be making safer for local journeys – usually to the shops. How can cyclists benefit?

So we are staying with car domination in Church Street and traffic pollution for shoppers while enduring cyclists avoiding Cecil Road riding on the pavements in Church Street and bus services ruined by cars. And what did we see a week or so ago – two shoppers knocked down in Church Street in a collision with a truck, on a Sunday. What image will this convey to visitors to Enfield in 2017?

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At first I was in total shock, and as I saw her leave my steps and disappear I put my shoes on and ran after her but to no avail. I would like to speak with these lovely people to express my gratitude.

I'm 81 years old and it was wonderful enlightening to know that there are still wonderful people in the world who go out of their way to help others.

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**FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# Olive, teacher and Guides leader, dies at age of 102

By Adrian Colley

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A DEVOTED teacher whose work touched thousands of lives has died, aged 102.

Olive Tasch was a well-known teacher in Enfield and was also a leading figure in the Guiding movement in Barnet.

She grew up in Hornsey and later lived in Winchmore Hill Road, Southgate. She trained to be a teacher and took up her first post at Raglan Primary School, in Bush Hill Park.

Ms Tasch continued to teach throughout World War II before moving in 1955 to the then new Firs Farm School, in Palmers Green, as deputy head.

She taught a range of subjects at primary level including English, history, arithmetic, needlework and nature study and later became headteacher responsible for the junior section of the school.

She built up a wide network of friendships, many around her main interests in Guiding and the Townswomen's Guild.

Ms Tasch joined the Girl Guides and was a committed member of the movement for most of her life.

She became a Guide captain, initially in the 1st East Barnet group, before starting the 5th East Barnet Guides. She was district commissioner in Barnet for many years before becoming division commissioner.

She became a member of the East Barnet Trefoil Guild and was also involved with Northern Heights, the Guides' campsite in Elstree, and was a member of the County Associates Guiding group in eastern Middlesex.

Ms Tasch was also a long-time member of the Townswomen's Guild and regularly attended meetings and events of the Southgate Monkfrith Guild.

Her cousin, Philip Tasch, 74, from Welwyn Garden City, said: "People have said she was such a lovely woman, having a strong sense of humour. Her life was devoted to young people.



**Life devoted to young people: Olive Tasch, who was leading light in the Girl Guides and Townswomen's Guild, as well as a long-serving primary school teacher**

"As she got older, she would say: 'I might be going deaf, but I'm not daft.'

"Many generations of young people have benefited from her guidance."

She moved to sheltered housing in Blake Court, Newsholme Drive, Winchmore Hill, for her final 20 years to maintain her independence,

but she needed increasing care in her last few years. She regularly joined services at Southgate Methodist Church.

Ms Tasch, who was unmarried, died on December 2. Her funeral service is due to take place at New Southgate Crematorium, in Brunswick Park Road, on Friday at 3.45pm

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# Council backs donor appeal

## Borough is home to 78 people waiting for an organ donation

By Julia Gregory

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TWO minutes could help save the lives of the 78 Enfield residents waiting for an organ donation.

Residents are being urged to sign up for the national organ donation register during this month's campaign, which asks "What are you waiting for?"

Enfield became the first local authority in the UK to provide a link to join the register via its website in the autumn.

Krystle Fonyonga, the cabinet

member for community safety and public health, is urging more people to sign up as the campaign gets under way.

"There are about 20 per cent of people on the register," she said. "Unless they sign up to register, hospitals can do nothing. It takes two minutes to sign up – it takes two minutes to save a life."

"We are trying to make a push for people to sign up for it and raise awareness."

She added: "In Enfield, 78 people right now are waiting for an organ. Unless people get on to the register,

there's a risk they might die. It's heartbreaking."

Across the UK, there are 6,500 people on the organ donation list waiting for the match which could save their lives.

This month's hard-hitting campaign reminds people that "faffing can be fatal, loafing can be lethal".

It challenges people who find it frustrating to wait two minutes for a bus to imagine how it feels to wait for months for a donor.

Caroline Baker, Enfield Council's project officer with the consultation

and resident engagement team, was born with kidney failure and had to wait while potential donors were tested.

Her brother proved to be a match and she was given a life-saving kidney transplant ten years ago.

"A few months after he had undergone tests he donated to me," she said.

Ms Fonyonga said it was important that would-be donors discussed their decision with their families so everyone was aware of their wishes.

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Appeal: Krystle Fonyonga, Enfield Council's cabinet member for community safety and public health

## Leisure centres record boost in visitors as residents get active

THE number of people getting active in Enfield has soared by nearly 40 per cent in the first six months of this year.

Leisure centres across the borough welcomed 8,252 more young people doing sports activities between January and June, compared with the same period in 2015.

Overall, 21,711 young people went through the doors at the four leisure centres in Enfield for a sports session in that time – up from 13,459 last year.

The number of adults turning out for a sports session jumped from 13,280 in the first half of last year to 15,900 for the same time this year.

Enfield Council said that the number of young people who had

visited leisure centres between January and June increased by 42,802 this year to 441,133.

The council is encouraging people to join its Move More campaign, which urges adults to do 30 minutes of physical activity a day and children to be active for an hour.

Krystle Fonyonga, the council's cabinet member for community safety and public health, said that the increase was welcome, with residents "getting off the couch and participating in sporting sessions in greater numbers".

Krystle Fonyonga took swimming lessons at an Enfield leisure centre during the summer and also learned to cycle safely as part of her fitness campaign.

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## Christmas Term



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This week we look forward to end of term festivities, and we host one of our special events, Readings and Carols for Christmas – a fitting end to a busy term for the boys and staff.

For those of us who are not familiar with Keble Prep, and what we have to offer, why not come along to our Spring Term Open Morning on Wednesday 1st March 2017. We are opening the school from 8.45am to 11.30am and you are all very welcome!

G P McCarthy, Headmaster

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I hope to meet many prospective parents at our Open Morning in March 2017.



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This term has been a very productive and busy one for the girls not only in their education but in fund raising for the community. For the Harvest Festival there was a large donation of food made to the Enfield Food Bank. Cakes were baked and sold by the PTA to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support and Spotty clothes were worn and money was raised for Children in Need.



Deputy Head Susan Stark and  
New Headteacher Miss Flavia Rizzo

As the end of the year is fast approaching and the teachers and children are busying themselves with nativities, carol services and productions, we look upon the New Year not only as a fresh start for 2017 but we welcome our new headteacher, Miss Flavia Rizzo to Grange Park Prep School.

"Brought up and educated in North London, I am fortunate to have worked in independent schools both locally and in the City. I am delighted to be welcomed back to an area in which I am familiar, one that I grew up in and hold closely to my heart.

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## NEWS

# No time frame for Tube train repairs

By Adrian Colley

newsdesk@nlhnews.co.uk

PICCADILLY line misery will continue for commuters with no end in sight.

Travellers are still suffering severe delays on the Underground service as Transport for London works to repair damage done to trains.

But TfL says the service has improved this week with 75 per cent of trains now in operation, compared to less than half when the line was first hit by delays.

Leaves on the line have caused train wheels to lock, damaging track and wheels. That means the trains, which are old, need repairing.

A spokesman said this week: "We normally have about 79 trains running daily and there are about 60 now in operation."

He was unable to say when a full service would be reinstated, adding: "We are a little way from getting the full service - we are still working on the trains and we can't put a time limit on it."

Affected stations in Enfield include Arnos Grove, Southgate, Oakwood and Cockfosters.

TfL added: "The longer leaf-fall period this year, coupled with the bad weather caused by Storm Angus, created conditions that caused a higher than usual proportion of our trains to be affected within a very short space of time."

"We will be able to return more trains to the line each day. However, there is a backlog of trains. We are working to restore a full, timetabled service as quickly as possible."

TfL says passengers who have had their journeys delayed by 15 minutes or more will be refunded the full cost of the single fare for each affected journey. Refunds will be backdated to November 24.



Ongoing delays: Passengers from Oakwood station are among those affected

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### CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

1. Notwithstanding (12)
7. President bereft of a Shake-spearean character (5)
8. Was affected by low temperature and became statuesque (5)
9. Almost a frame of mind to make a beastly noise (3)
10. Fruit highly esteemed in China (9)
11. Fine finish could produce a result (6)
12. What one who neglects to take his fare will do (6)
15. Ride range as one of the guards (9)
17. Cut the charge for salad food (3)
18. They are shot at garden pests (5)
19. Inmates don't have to join the competition (5)
21. Seemingly, he must succeed (4-8)

### DOWN

1. His observations may well show earth-shattering results (12)
2. This plant is an aubergine (3)
- 3 & 7 Down. They accommodate those who take several courses in succession (6-5)
4. A deflector that's brought to light (9)
5. I complain when the girl is upset (5)
6. Sense master's upset by new rating (12)
7. See 3 Down.
10. Bird ranges at large in French sea (9)
13. About vehicle overturned by speedster (5)
14. Make a row, as rankers are told to do (4,2)
16. Musical piece transcribed for duet before the end of the programme (5)
20. Leaves much to be desired by abstainers (3)

### QUICK CLUES ACROSS

1. Mediator (12)
7. Crawl (5)
8. Vertical (5)
9. Spoil (3)
10. Fat (9)
11. Refuge (6)
12. Spirit (6)
15. Flat (9)
17. Hatchet (3)
18. Gate fastening (5)
19. Uneven (5)
21. Absurd (12)

### DOWN

1. Unrivalled (12)
2. Regret (3)
3. Demise (6)
4. Unwise (9)
5. Awaken (5)
6. Strop (12)
7. Wavy (5)
10. Wooing (9)
13. Rubbish (5)
14. Wreckage (6)
16. Later (5)
20. Employ (3)

### Last week's solutions

#### QUICK SOLUTIONS

Across: 4 Sarcasm; 8 Shiver; 9 Account; 10 Abroad; 11 Squirm; 12 Impotent; 18 Commence; 20 Detour; 21 Struck; 22 Topical; 23 Morass; 24 Lengthy.  
Down: 1 Islamic; 2 Disrupt; 3 Depart; 5 Accustom; 6 Chorus; 7 Sundry; 13 Encroach; 14 Inhuman; 15 Peckish; 16 Remove; 17 Coming; 19 Motion.

#### CRYPTIC SOLUTIONS

Across: 4 Evicted; 8 Lariat; 9 Francis; 10 Asleep; 11 Wrench; 12 Amicable; 18 Velocity; 20 Panama; 21 Peewit; 22 Romania; 23 Ledger; 24 Patient.  
Down: 1 Almanac; 2 Trellis; 3 Camera; 5 Very well; 6 Carter; 7 Evince; 13 Bavarian; 14 Bigwigs; 15 Oysters; 16 Pagoda; 17 Salami; 19 Obeyed.

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Further access hubs will launch in January 2017. More details coming soon.

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### Self-care

Most common winter ailments, such as cold, sore throat, cough, sinusitis or painful middle ear infection (earache), should not be treated with antibiotics as a first choice. Your pharmacist can advise you on which medicines you should have in your cabinet, to help get you and your family through the winter season.

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Sunday 1st January 2017 @ 10.00am

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- Celebration Service  
Sundays @ 10.00am
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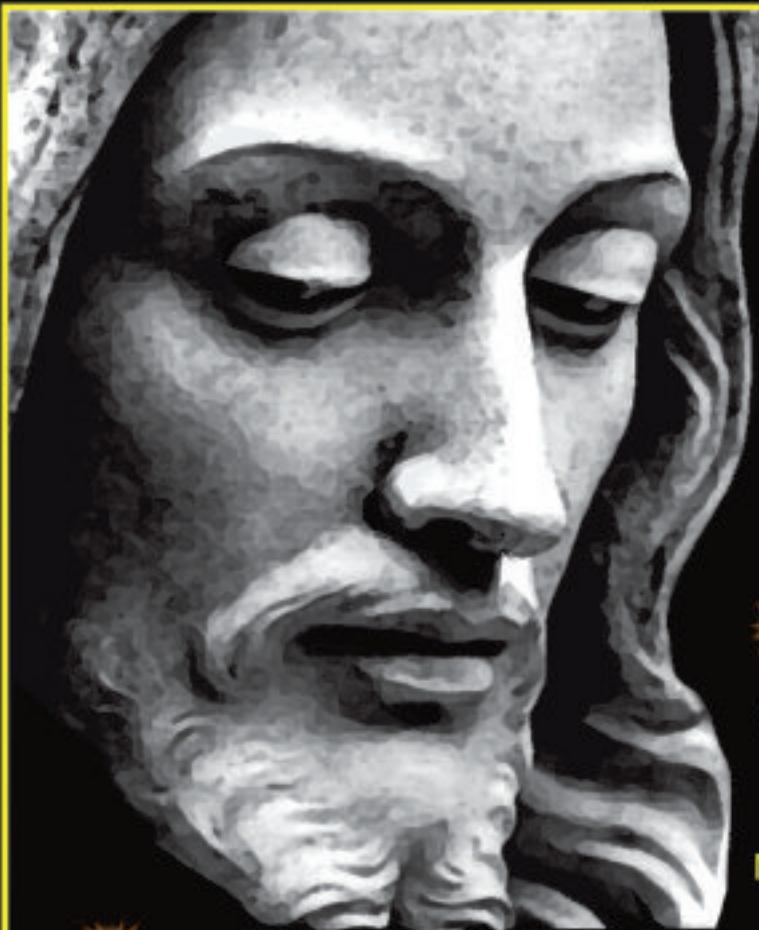
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24th December 11.30pm

**Christmas Day Family Service**  
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## CHRISTMAS

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Sunday Parish Mass 11am



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Christmas Day  
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Luke 2:11



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6.30pm Carol Service

**Christmas Eve at 11.15pm**  
Late-Night Holy Communion

**Christmas Day at 11am**  
Christmas Family Worship

**New Year's Eve 11.15pm**  
Watchnight Service

**Sunday 22nd January 2017 11am**  
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## CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2016

**Bush Hill Park URC**  
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www.bhpure.org.uk

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10:30am  
Advent Worship  
Ms. Evodian Fonyonga  
4:00pm  
Family Carol Service  
Rev. Henriette Wentink

**Christmas Eve**  
11:30pm  
Communion at  
Christmas  
Rev. Martin Legg

**Christmas Day**  
10:30am  
Christmas Celebrations  
Rev. Henriette Wentink

**New Year's Day**  
10:30am  
New Year Reflection  
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Mr. Martin Hamblin



**Christ Church URC**  
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Y.P.C.F.  
Nativity Service

**Christmas Eve**  
9:30pm  
Midnight in Bethlehem  
Holy Communion  
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**Christmas Day**  
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Christmas Morning  
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# Junior gardeners reap their reward

By Clare Casey

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GREEN-FINGERED youngsters at an Edmonton school have been hard at work transforming a plot of drab open space into a flowery wonderland.

The pupils aged nine and ten from St Edmund's Primary School, in Hertford Road, Edmonton, are members of the school's gardening club.

The children dug flowerbeds, planted flowers and landscaped the Crescent conservation area, in Hertford Road, close to their school, to make it a nice place for the wider community.

The final design was shaped by the people of Edmonton during a public consultation which took place in the summer.

The project to improve the Crescent includes a new footpath, a central paved area, an arc of shaped trees and flowerbeds containing perennial flowers that provide a dash of colour all year round.

The project is designed to manage rainwater sustainably by allowing it to run off into the flowerbeds. The flowers have been specially chosen to encourage bees and butterflies to visit the area.



**Growing enthusiasm: Pupils from St Edmund's Primary School gardening club, in Hertford Road, Edmonton**

Headteacher Margaret Hanley said: "Our pupils have enjoyed taking responsibility for planting an area they use on their way to and from school."

"It has helped them to demonstrate good skills of citizenship, serving their community through their hard work, and it was great fun."

Enfield Council's cabinet member for education, children's services and protection, Ayfer Orhan, said: "This is a brilliant project, which has

allowed the children to participate in a scheme that benefits the wider community.

"Every time they visit the Crescent they will be reminded how their efforts have made a genuine difference to the community and they should have an immense sense of pride and achievement in what they have done."

"They are a credit to the borough and we are very grateful for their hard work and endeavour."

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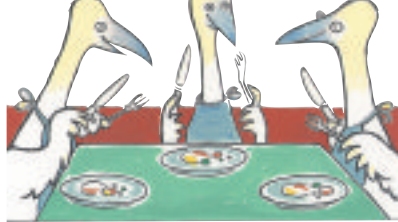


**PrimeTime**

**restaurant review**

# The art of good cooking

THE GANNETS



**Nissi, Aldermans Hill, Palmers Green**

FROM the outside, Nissi might look like your average Mediterranean restaurant – but there is magic afoot in this unassuming eatery.

For our first starter, we chose halloumi, grilled goat's cheese with roasted tomato and mint, £4.95. Always a good benchmark test for any Mediterranean restaurant, this beautifully-made up stack was soft inside with a pleasantly chewy bite outside – just as it should be.

Our second starter came from the specials board – an elegantly laid out plate of scallops with pea and mint puree, £9.95, which tasted every bit as good as it looked.

With eyes as big as saucers, we tried to anticipate what our main courses would look like and, after the wonderfully professional presentation of our first courses, whether we might consider the mains too pretty to destroy.

We were not disappointed. Nissi is that rare restaurant, able to make chicken souvlaki, chicken breast cubes with peppers and courgette, £7.95, look like a piece of art. The juicy and succulent lamb cutlets, herb crusted and charcoal grilled, £14.95, were also a sight to behold.

The first bite was definitely with the eye and



**Magic afoot: The interior of Nissi and, inset, charcoal-grilled chicken souvlaki**

Nissi's mains did not just look good, they were mouth-wateringly delightful – Mediterranean flavours bursting in our mouths.

To accompany these dishes, we shared Greek salad, tomato, cucumber, pepper, red onion, olives and feta, £5.95, which was more than ample for two people and had the biggest, juiciest chunks of tomato we have ever tasted.

We also ordered a bowl of Cyprus chips, hand-cut chips made using Cyprus potatoes, £3.75, which were fluffy on the inside and crispy

on the outside – perfect. The complimentary baklava with home-made pistachio ice cream was a nice surprise to finish off a delicious meal overall.

Where other Mediterranean restaurants fall down with presentation, Nissi has taken care. It's not just about how the food tastes, but the overall gastronomic experience.

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ARMED with a microscope, wellies and floppy hats, the cast burst on to the stage at artsdepot for the first night (Friday) of the hugely popular stage adaptation of We're Going On A Bear Hunt.

Based on the hit bedtime picture book written by Michael Rosen and illustrated by Helen Oxenbury, We're Going On A Bear Hunt follows the intrepid adventures of a family and their dog, who decide to go on an adventure in search of a bear.

They come up against a host of obstacles on their ambitious quest – whirling snowstorms, dark forests and thick, oozing mud.

There's not much to it story-wise. It contains the refrain familiar to many children: "We're going on a bear hunt. We're going to catch a big one. What a beautiful day! We're not scared."

But this stage version is wonderfully vivid.

The advantage that this cheerful adaptation has over the (slightly repetitive) book is amazing music and wildly entertaining actors who bring each scene to life.

The dog – as well as rolling in bear poo – is a one-man band who plays the guitar, an accordion, kazoo, spoons, symbols and all other manner of child-loving noises.

The baby is a puppet in a papoose – that comes out to "dance" – and the all-singing, all-dancing cast turn this into 55 wonderful minutes of great fun.

Stepping through a river of buckets (cue water pistols to soak the gleeful audience), they wind up in the mud (and take part in a slapstick brown paint fight) before ending up in the bear's cave after a forest detour and an unexpected snowstorm (with snow falling from the ceiling).

This delightfully playful show is running at artsdepot until January 2 and comes highly recommended.

Clare Casey



It's grrrrrrrrr-eat: Scenes from We're Going On A Bear Hunt



## Where to go and when

### FRIDAY

The Nutcracker at the Royal Opera House, Wylyotts Theatre, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, 7pm.

This magical timeless ballet is the perfect Christmas treat. Delayed live screening.

Tickets: £15/£13 concessions. Box office: 01707 645005.

### SATURDAY

Starlight Express, Dugdale Centre, London Road, Enfield Town, 7.30pm.

Join Rusty (The Steam Train), Pearl (An Observation Car), Electra (The Electric Train), Dinah (The Dining Car), Greaseball (The Diesel Locomotive) and a host of other characters in A magical musical performed entirely on roller skates.

Tickets: £17.50. Box office: 020 8807 6680.

### SUNDAY

Nadia Rae, Forty Hall, Forty Hill, Enfield, 3pm.

Festive concert featuring the stunning and soulful voice of Nadia Rae.

Tickets: £12. To book: [www.fortyhallestate.co.uk/020 8363 8196](http://www.fortyhallestate.co.uk/020%208363%208196).

Christmas with Andre, Wylyotts Theatre, Darkes Lane, Potters Bar, 7pm.

Recorded screening lasting two-and-a-half hours, including interval. A festive celebration with violinist Andre Rieu, featuring a 90-minute concert at Wembley in 2015 and an exclusive tour of Maastricht's magical Christmas highlights, as well as Rieu taking part in a question and answer session.

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### SUNDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Comedy Club 4 Kids – Christmas Cracker, artsdepot, Nether Street, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley, 4.30pm.

Starring Comedy Club 4 Kids' regular host Tiernan Douieb hims-elf, Howard Read, of Little Howard and CBBC fame, and Bec Hill, of CBBC's The Dog Ate My Homework.

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### MONDAY (until January 11)

The Greek Orthodox Cathedrals and Churches of London, artsdepot, Nether Street, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley – on display during business hours.

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Warring factions: Action from Rogue One: A Star Wars Story  
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# **ROGUE ONE: A STAR WARS STORY** (12A, 134 mins)

**T**HE harsh realities of war – for the warriors on the battleground and those waiting nervously back home – are brought into sharp focus in the first spin-off anthology film from the Star Wars saga, which enriches the history of the universe created by George Lucas before the arrival of Star Wars Episode VIII next December.

Since Rogue One is a standalone storyline, Gareth Edwards' film does not

open with the iconic title credits crawl accompanied by a deafening blast of John Williams' theme music.

However, we are promised plenty of teasing references to the Star Wars universe and might there be a fleeting cameo for Alden Ehrenreich as the young Han Solo, who will headline his own spin-off film directed by Phil Lord and Christopher Miller, due for release in May 2018?

Based on an original script by Chris Weitz and Tony Gilroy, Rogue One unfolds in a galaxy far, far away shortly before the events of 1977's Star Wars: Episode IV –

A New Hope. The Galactic Empire begins construction of a new superweapon called the Death Star under the watchful eye of Darth Vader (voiced again by James Earl Jones) and weapons research director Orson Krennic (Ben Mendelsohn).

If this behemoth becomes fully operational, the Imperial Military will be able to destroy entire planets and crush all resistance to its relentless, power-hungry onslaught.

The Rebel Alliance launches a decisive response and recruits Jyn Erso (Felicity Jones), whose estranged father Galen

(Mads Mikkelsen) is somehow linked to the project. Jyn must steal the design schematics as part of a crack team including Cassian Andor (Diego Luna) and an enforcer droid called K-2SO (Alan Tudyk), whose memory has been wiped.

Clone Wars veteran Saw Gerrera (Forest Whitaker), pilot Bodhi Rook (Riz Ahmed) and skilled assassins Chirrut Imwe (Donnie Yu) and Baze Malbus (Jiang Wen) become embroiled in this titanic battle between good and evil that could determine the fate of the Rebel Alliance.

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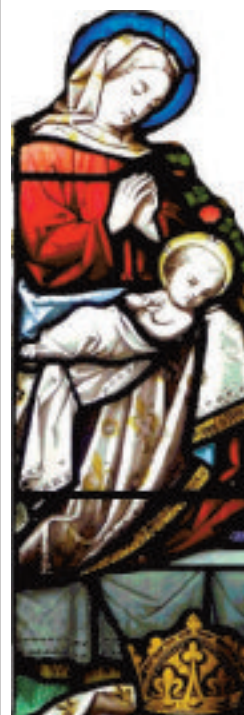
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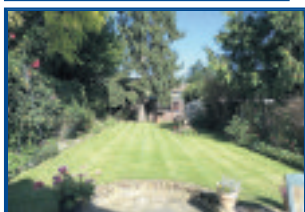
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# Does what it says on the tin

### By Simon Davis

**S**INCE its launch back in 2010, the Dacia Duster has been making something of a name for itself as a bargain basement compact SUV. For the 2017 model year, the Romanian manufacturer has added a new, top-of-the-line trim level – known as Prestige – as well as the new, 1.2-litre, turbocharged four-cylinder petrol engine, which we tested on our mid-range Laureate-specification car.

The Dacia Duster has always been an incredibly utilitarian-looking car. Its non-nonsense exterior is completely devoid of any chintzy detailing or over-the-top styling cues. While this might sound like a recipe for a rather dull-looking car, in reality the opposite carries more sway.

The Duster is a rather handsome thing and a handful of very subtle updates on the 2017 model year version, such as squarer headlights and a

revised front bumper, help keep the car looking fresh. Dacia has also introduced a number of optional styling features to the Duster range that will allow customers to add that little bit something extra to their vehicle. These include new 16-inch Tyrol alloys, a Pennine green paint scheme and part-leather upholstery.

Moving into the cabin, the Spartan approach to styling continues. All of the surfaces are either plastic or soft-touch plastic, but then you wouldn't really expect luxurious materials in a car that costs as little as £9,495. The Duster isn't the last word in build quality either, but the cabin's rough and ready surfaces should be able to stand up to the most of the abuse family life can throw at them.

So, while the Duster is by no means a car that has been built for posing, its un-aspirational, no-frills nature has always been one of the its more endearing features.

When you boil it down, the Dacia

Duster offers all the space an average-sized family needs. There are five seats, plenty of headroom, a decent amount of legroom in the back and a 475-litre boot. With the rear seats folded down, cargo space in the boot is increased to 1,636 litres. Thanks to a low boot lip, loading and unloading those heavier items in and out of the Duster is made that much easier.

Children will find the three rear seats more than comfortable enough over longer journeys. Two adults won't have a problem sitting in the back of the Duster either, although a middle seat occupant might start to get uncomfortable after a while.

Surprisingly, for a car that is so basic, the Duster composes itself rather well on the road. Sure, it has heavy steering and the controls don't feel great or provide a good level of feedback, yet through the corners there isn't a huge amount of lean and its handling feels predictable.

It rides well over lumps and bumps, and is comfortable enough at motorway speeds.

Our test vehicle was fitted with the new, 1.2-litre TCe 125 petrol engine, which is good for 123bhp. While the free-revving unit had plenty of grunt to get you up to speed in a fashionable manner, we couldn't help but feel that a diesel engine would suit the Dacia's character better. While it is more expensive to buy, it will cost less to run in the long term.

If you can get over the fact the Duster carries no badge prestige whatsoever, then it makes for quite a rational purchase. It's cheap, comfortable enough, comes with a decent amount of boot and interior space and, with the right engine and transmission combination, it won't be too expensive to run. Families looking for a robust workhorse for the school run, dashing to the shops or even long-distance travelling will find the Duster an appealing proposition.



## Facts at a glance

■ Model: Dacia Duster Laureate TCe 125 4x4

■ **Engine:** 1.2-litre, turbocharged four-cylinder petrol producing 123bhp and 205Nm of torque

■ **Transmission:** Six-speed manual with selectable four-wheel drive

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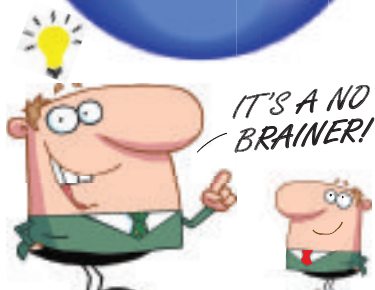
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# FRUSTRATION FOR SKIPPER

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SKIPPER Hugo Lloris expressed his frustration following Tottenham Hotspur's 1-0 defeat at Manchester United on Sunday.

The hosts created the better chances in the match and probably deserved the victory which was given to them by Henrikh Mkhitaryan's goal late in the first half, but keeper Lloris was disappointed that Spurs ended up with nothing to show for their efforts.

"It's a bit frustrating because on the pitch we don't feel they are better than us," he said. "Of course, they have some talented and great players in their team, but we had good control of the game and we were a bit unlucky with the goal because we lost the ball and they benefited straight away with the one-on-one from Mkhitaryan."

"That's football and that can happen. We had a good performance and at the end it's a frustrating result. We need to look forward. This week is very decisive with two home games and I hope that will help us take a step forward."

"It's never easy to come to Old Trafford. It's a huge club, but on the field we don't feel the difference. This is our level and sometimes the result can depend on mistakes, on moments."

"Manchester United didn't make mistakes, defensively they applied themselves and it was the same for us, but we just need to learn about this game and look forward to Hull tonight."

Meanwhile, Toby Alderweireld is urging Spurs to make sure they put the disappointment of Sunday's defeat behind them by picking up



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**Looking for more: Hugo Lloris was disappointed that Tottenham were beaten by Manchester United**

maximum points when they host struggling Hull City.

The Belgian international defender made his first start for almost two months at Old Trafford after overcoming a knee injury and successfully completed the full 90 minutes, but he admits that his joy at being back in action was rather dampened by the result of the match.

He said: "Everyone is gutted, everyone is sad because we could

get at least a point, so that's frustrating. We have to put that frustration and anger to one side and use it in the right way. We can't change this, so we have to use it in the right way and try to get three points at home against Hull."

"I feel very good, fit and happy to get the 90 minutes and I felt I was strong enough to do what I wanted to do until the end, so I'm happy with that."

□ Tottenham Hotspur will begin their Europa League campaign by taking on Belgian outfit Ghent.

Spurs dropped down into the competition as a result of finishing third in their Champions League group and the draw for the last 32 was made on Monday.

The first leg of the tie will take place in Belgium on February 16, with the return meeting at Wembley Stadium seven days later.

## Win sees Borough get back on track

HARINGEY BOROUGH returned to winning ways by edging to a 3-2 victory at home to Heybridge Swifts in Ryman League North Division on Saturday.

The hosts had seen a good run of form come to an abrupt end with a heavy defeat at VCD Athletic in the previous outing, but they got back on track by securing maximum points in an entertaining contest which saw all five goals come in the first half.

It was Borough who struck first on ten minutes when Adrian Markus unleashed a ferocious 25-yard strike which flew into the top corner.

Reece Grant almost grabbed an immediate equaliser when he was thwarted by home keeper Harry Palmer from close range, but Palmer then endured a moment to forget on 14 minutes when he spilled Grant's shot and saw the ball roll agonisingly over the line.

Nine minutes later Heybridge took the lead in fine style as George Cole curled a stunning shot into the net from distance.

But Borough responded well to this and were back on level terms within three minutes – Rakim Richards latching on to a ball over the top and having time to pick his spot before firing into the net.

And the hosts went back ahead five minutes before the interval when Heybridge were caught out by a quickly taken throw and Anthony McDonald was on hand to turn in a low cross at the near post.

The second half failed to match the excitement of the opening 45 minutes, but the visitors were unlucky not to grab a point in the 90th minute when Lewis Dark's fierce volley came back off the bar as Borough managed to hold on for the win.

## Trio sign up as London Skolars strengthen their squad

THE London Skolars have strengthened their squad by signing three young backs who have graduated from the London Broncos' Academy programme.

The Skolars have begun their preparations for the new rugby league campaign and many of last season's squad have already agreed new contracts with the club.

And they have now bolstered their ranks by signing youngsters Callum Whitcombe, Fred Dodd and Jordan Williams, and head coach Jermaine Coleman is confident that the trio will have a positive impact.

"I'm delighted that we have managed to secure Callum, Fred and Jordan," he said. "I've monitored their progress at the Broncos and spoken with them at length about their

potential. Myself and the rest of the coaching team are looking forward to working with them."

"All three have shown up well in our initial pre-season work and you can see they are strong, quick athletes who have a level of professionalism about them."

"I'm looking forward to seeing how they shape up in our pitch sessions and I expect to see them all push our established outside backs hard for that starting spot against Wigan in January."

The trio are all products of the London Youth and Junior League, with Whitcombe beginning his rugby league career at Brentwood Eels, Dodd at Staines Titans and Williams with North Herts Crusaders.

All three have taken part in the Hard Rock Cafe Origin series, and it was here where the Broncos spotted their potential and awarded them academy contracts.

Skolars' general manager Jac Davies added: "It's particularly pleasing that the partnership between ourselves and London Broncos is continually giving young players in London the chance to develop and continue their rugby league careers."

"We're very proud that we've created a good environment here at London Skolars where determined young players are given that opportunity. Coming to the Skolars gives players the opportunity to experience competitive rugby, which incubates their potential for future success."



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